

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the Tuesday, June 3, 2008 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, S. Hoag, P. Payton, Ole Raadam, D. Stillinger, and L. Tavtigian.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2008 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Minutes from May 6th, 2008 were approved and accepted.

Meeting Dates for 2008 and January 2009

Tues Jan 8 th , 2008	Tues Apr 1st, 2008	July – no meeting	Tues Oct 7 th , 2008
Tues Feb 5 th , 2008	Tues May 6, 2008	Tues Aug 5 th , 2008 – canceled	
Tues Nov 4 th , 2008	Tues Mar 4 th , 2008	Tues June 3rd, 2008	Tues Sept 9, 2008
Tues Dec 2nd, 2008	Tues. Jan 6 th 2009		

Award.

The NJ Clean Communities Council's Public Lands Cleanup Award was presented to CTEC on May 22 for the Commission's Riverside Cleanup project. A plaque and paperweight were accepted by Eileen Hladky, Clean Communities Coordinator for the Township, and presented to S. Hoag. These items will be displayed at townhall in the Commission meeting room.

The Commission extends its sincere thanks to Eileen for all her support of the Commission and her preparation and submission of the paperwork for this award.

Events

- Wed., June 18, 2008. 9:00 AM, recycling coordinators meeting, 1st floor meeting room at the MUA Cultural Center, 300 Mendham Rd, Morris Township. For additional information contact P. Collington
- Wed., June 18, 2008. 11:00 AM, Clean Communities meeting, 1st floor meeting room at the MUA Cultural Center, 300 Mendham Rd, Morris Township. For additional information contact P. Collington
- Wed., June 18, 2008. 9:00 AM, Ten Towns Great Swamp Watershed Management Committee 13th Anniversary Meeting, Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Ben Spinelli, Executive Director, Office of Smart Growth will be the keynote speaker.
- Sat., July 19, 2008. 12:30-4:30 PM, Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Organic lawn care workshop. K. Abbott will be a presenter.
- Tues., June 10 full day, Wed. June 11 or Wed. June 25th half days, NJ Clean Energy Wind & Biomass Power Training Program given by BPU in Islem. For additional information contact P. Collington.

Application/LOI Review

- PENDING. 47 & 51 ORMONT RD. 4-15-08. Block 32, lots 31 & 31.01. Gunn. Application to Planning Board for after-the-fact approval of amended minor subdivision & slope variance for two already-constructed retaining walls with stairs. Applicant's engineer strongly suggests revegetating the rear yard including the conservation easement area. EC agrees. Letter to Planning Board sent 5-6-08. Report on May 31 Planning Board site visit. Review Linson memo of 5-29-08.

- **CLOSED. SUMMIT TRANSFER STATION.** 4-4-08. Summit is the operator of an existing 130 tons per day solid waste transfer station on New Providence Avenue in Summit directly across the Passaic River from Chatham Glen and is seeking to renew its Solid Waste Facility Permit with no changes to the currently permitted operations or to the processing capacity. The NJDEP is beginning the technical review of the application and is soliciting comments from interested parties. The commission has no issues with this therefore finds no need to pursue the matter.
- **CLOSED. REXCORP.** 3-31-08. Block 142 Lots 1 & 2 in Chatham Township, and Block 3303 Lot 2 in Madison. Application to NJDEP for Freshwater Wetlands Permits: GP#6 (activities disturbing up to 1 acre in isolated wetlands), GP#10A (very minor road crossing), Transition Area Averaging Plan Waiver, for a 2-phase development to create a pump-station, Giralda Farms Concert Series concert park, sanitary sewer lines, and office space. Previous EC letter to NJDEP sent 7-18-07, recent EC letter to NJDEP concerning vernal pools on the property was sent in May.
- **PENDING. ST. HUBERT'S ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER.** 2-15-08. Block 142, Lot 4.01. Application to NJ DEP for a Treatment Works Approval permit for a septic system receiving over 2,000 gallons per day. D. Stillinger.
- **PENDING. OAK KNOLL SCHOOL.** 9-11-07. Public hearing was held on 9-11-07 concerning request to temporarily break the DEP conservation easement on the Oak Knoll school property at Hickory Tree in order to replace an existing stormwater pipe. DEP and Township engineer had no objection. CTEC is following this application.

Reports & Discussion

- Memorandum from Planning Board Attorney W.P. Robertson to the Planning Board outlining requirements and procedures for conservation easements and monuments was distributed.
- Instruction sheet for viewing and commenting on the proposed bikeway and sidewalks via PPGIS website was also distributed.
- S. Hoag reported that there will be a presentation re the bikeway at the June 16th Planning Board meeting. It will be an open meeting for general comments. The formal process will begin in September.
- P. Collington reported that the MUA has sent recycling information to local schools and churches.
- P. Collington reported that the Groundwater Protection Committee June meeting has been cancelled and will be rescheduled for July. The committee and CTEC attended the Summit Greenfest.
- S. Carroll confirmed that all Energy subcommittee reports have been presented to the Township Administrator.
- K. Abbott warned against the use of PVC piping that can be toxic and advised seeking alternative materials to avoid additional toxins in the ground.
- L. Caprioglio reported on the Planning Board discussion of 47 & 51 Ormont Road. The walls and steps will stand to minimize further damage to the steep slopes, the fences around the conservation easements will be removed, and both easements will be revegetated. There may be a need for fencing around young trees and also a fence and/or vegetation on top of the six foot retaining wall.
- P. Collington presented the final draft for the construction booklet "Planning Questions for Residential and Commercial Construction Projects". A price quote has been received from Chatham Print & Design and has been submitted to the township. It was proposed that the booklet be mailed to all residents and be available in the Land Use office at townhall. It is also planned to be published on the township website.

RECENT LETTERS SENT

- May 2008. 47 & 51 Ormont Road to Planning Board, Verizon cell tower in Green Village to Board of Adjustment, 428 River Road to NJDEP, 49 Woodmont Drive to NJDEP, RexCorp re vernal pools to NJDEP.
- April 2008. Fourteen notice letters sent to holders of conservation easements informing them that their property would be visited by professional forester John Linson in the coming weeks.
- April 2008. Comment letter to Planning Board on 55 Mountain Avenue application.
- April 2008. Comment letter to NJDEP on the 32 Park View Rd., Block 113, Lot 115.10 application for GP#8.
- March 2008. Comment letter to COAH objecting to relaxing of environmental standards in order to build housing units on environmentally critical areas as defined in Chatham Township land use ordinances (areas or features which are of significant environmental value, including but not limited to: stream corridors; natural heritage priority sites; habitat of endangered or threatened species; large areas of contiguous open space or upland forest; steep slopes; and well head protection and groundwater recharge areas.)
- Feb. 2008: Comment letter to NJ Highlands Council re Highlands Regional Master Plan.

- January 2008: 29 Hampton Rd. to NJDEP.

MAIL RECEIVED (not including applications and notices mentioned above)

- Juniper Village/Hickory Tree garage request for No Further Action was declared deficient by NJDEP; further soil samples are required. The vapor extraction equipment which had been removing pollutants from groundwater contaminated by leaking underground fuel tanks has been removed from the Juniper Village dumpster area.
- Two Supreme Recycling Company invoices for \$850 for the two dumpsters, total of 10,820 pounds of computer and other electronic equipment recycled.
- Copy of revised Township recycling ordinance.
- Minutes of Long Hill EC and Chatham Borough EC, various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC meeting moved at 8:00 PM to K. Abbott's home for viewing of her groundwater recycling system. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Marge Gerba
Acting Minutes Secretary